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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 March 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5-22 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 September 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group I, claims 1–18, and Species A, Figs. 4–5, in the reply filed on 28 March 2007 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that a search for any of the inventions would allegedly encompass a search for all of the remaining inventions. This is not found persuasive because each designated invention has different structural limitations which would necessitate a different field of search for each invention; similarly, a different field of search would be required for each species or embodiment of Group I. Furthermore, there is no special technical feature in common between the designated inventions, which is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372 for national stage applications.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. Claims 19–22 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on 28 March 2007.

3. Claims 5–18 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on 28 March 2007.

Priority

4. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Drawings

5. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "42" has been used to designate both a spring and a connection link.

6. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: 31'.

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7. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

8. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it contains legal phraseology such as "comprises" and "means for". Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

9. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: typographical errors, including "tiling operation" (page 1, line 20), "functions to shied hinge units" (page 5, line 14), and "fully titled state" (page 6, line 27); and inconsistent use of reference characters (see related drawing objections above).

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

10. Claim 4 objected to because of the following informalities: the phrase "insertable into between" in lines 1–2. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections—35 USC § 112

11. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

12. Claims 1–4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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13. Claim 1 recites the limitation "to be simultaneously put in and taken out" in line 5. It is unclear how a drawer frame can be simultaneously put in and taken out from a main body of a refrigerator.

Claim Rejections—35 USC § 102

14. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

15. Claims 1–3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dawley et al., US patent 3,295,908. Dawley et al. disclose a door apparatus for a refrigerator having a door (3) with a thermally isolating layer (cross-hatched area inside door 3); a frame (6) allowing the door to be put in or taken out from the interior (2) of the refrigerator, and having a storage space (9); rotating means (25) rotatably connecting the door to the frame (column 2, lines 58–63); and rotation limiting means (30, 38) selectively limiting the rotation of the door (column 3, lines 11–21); the rotation limiting means comprising a locking portion (30) and a tilting lock (38) selectively elastically deformed by the locking portion, the locking portion and tilting lock provided at corresponding positions on the door and frame; and the tilting lock comprising a base plate (12), a resilient piece (38) connected to and spaced from a top surface (34) of the base plate, and a locking step (41) on a top surface of the resilient piece to be caught by the locking portion.

Allowable Subject Matter

16. Claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Conclusion

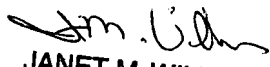
17. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure and is cited on form PTO-892 enclosed herewith.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mart K. Kuhn whose telephone number is (571) 272-8926. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on (571) 272-6867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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